RISE IN GROUND-NUT OIL PRICES

3324. SHRI AMHED MOHMED BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether market intervention operations of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) continues to remain ineffective in restraining the relentless rise in groundnut Oil prices;

(b) if so, in the meeting of June, 1993 the Empowered Committee on oil seeds policy had issued directives to the NDDB to dispose off the existing holding of 40,000 tonnes of grond-nut oil by October, 1993;

(c) if so, despite these measures the NDDB has been unable to tame the ground-nut oil prices which have now reached Rs. 40,000 per tonne;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to check the rising prices of graundnut oil prices; and

(e) whether any further steps have been contemplated to see that NDDB operations help in checking the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) MIO in Oilseeds/Edible Oils has not only helped in ensuring remunerative prices to oilseed growers but also provided edible oils at reasonable prices through marketing of Dhara Oils and helped in containing price spread in major edible oils.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In pursuance of the decision of ECOP, NDDB has been vigorously selling groundnut and mustard oil in several market to have an impact on prices. Between April and October, 1993 approximately 65,000 MT of edible oils were disposed off by NDDB.

(d) and (e) The prices of ground-nut oil prevailed during November, 1993 in its reference market Bombay, are marginally higher than the prices prevailed in November, 1992 but much lower than the price prevailed during November, 1991.

POLICY FOR DECLARING STATE/ DISTRICT/AREA AS DROUGHT AFFECTED

3325. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any policy for declaring a State/District/area as having drought conditions or scarcity affected;

(b) whether there is any criteria to provide Central assistance to the drought/ scarcity affected States for relief programme; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The execution of relief operations in the wake of natural calamities is undertaken by the State Government concerned. Criteria for declaring a particular area as affected by natural calamities including drought has been laid down in the State Relief Manuals.

(b) and (c) Under the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, with Central contribution of 75 per cent and State contribution of 25 per cent for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. A State Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary has been empowered to decide on all matters connected with operation of CRF including norms of assistance. The Statewise allocation of CRF is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Contribution to Calamity Relief Fund of the States in each of the five years commencing from 1st April, 1990 Centres Contribution and States share

(in crores of Rupees)

States	Annual Contribution to the Calamity Relief Fund of each State	Centre's Contribution	State's Share
1. Andhra Pradesh	86.00	64.50	[illegible]
2. Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	1.50	0.50
3. Assam	30.00	22.50	7.50
4. Bihar	35.00	26.25	8.75
5. Goa	1.00	0.75	0.25
6. Gujarat	85.00	63.75	21.25
7. Haryana	17.00	12.75	4.25
8. Himachal Pradesh	18.00	13.50	4.50
9. Jammu & Kashmir	12.00	9.00	3.00
10. Karnataka	27.00	20.25	6.75
11. Kerala	31.00	23.25	7.75
12. Madhya Pradesh	37.00	27.75	9.25
13. Maharashtra	44.00	33.00	11.00
14. Manipur	1.00	0.75	0.25
15. Meghalaya	2.00	1.50	0.50
16. Mizoram	1.00	0.75	0.25
17. Nagaland	1.00	0.75	0.25
18. Orissa	47.00	35.25	11.75
19. Punjab	28.00	21.00	7.00
20. Rajasthan	124.00	93.00	31.00
21. Sikkim	3.00	2.25	0.75
22. Tamil Nadu	39.00	29.25	9.75
23. Tripura	3.00	2.25	0.75
24. Uttar Pradesh	90.00	67.50	22.50
25. West Bengal	[illegible]	30.00	10.00
Total	[illegible]	603.00	201.00

DAMAGE DUE TO CYCLONE IN TAMIL NADU

3326. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item in "Times of India" dated 5-12-1993 that thirty four people had lost their lives in South Tamil Nadu due to severe cyclone that hit the coastal region ;

(b) if so, how many persons lost their lives :

(c) what are the places that were affected by the cyclone ; and